MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Because that community does not come under the category of communities eligible for full fee concession.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government would consider the desirability of granting full fee concession to them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I cannot answer definitely now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether full fee concession is granted to a student studying in the Mannar N. S. S. High School?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice.

Onam holiday.

188. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the representations made in the 1st Sri Mulam Assembly for increasing the number of public holidays in connection with the Onam festivals; and

(*b*) the action taken in the matter?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question was considered and it was decided that there was no need to increase the number of holidays for the Onam festival.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Onam day would be considered by Government as a National festival in the State?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: It may be considered as a national festival for some communities. I don't know whether it is a festival for all the communities of the State.

MR. E. J. PHILIPOSE: May I know what does the Honourable Member mean by saying that it is a national festival for certain communities?

PRESIDENT: Because there are sub-nations in the State.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Onam day is not declared as a public holiday in the State;

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why it is declared as a public holiday?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government have also declared other days which are important to certain other communities as public holidays. That is the policy of Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the particular reason why the Onam day has been declared as a public holiday?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The same as that which made Government declare other days as public holidays.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of days that are declared as public holidays for Christmas?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The holidays for the Christmas and the New Year's day together come up to about ten days.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why this difference is kept up with regard to Christmas holidays and Onam holidays?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: There is no definite reason for that.

The English Middle School for Girls, Chengannur.

189. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of raising the English Middle School for Girls, Chengannur, into a High School; and

(*b*) the number of girls studying in the High School classes in the English High School, Chengannur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 115.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government have issued orders that funds should be provided for raising the school to the status of a High School according to the promise made in 1110?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of students studying in the IV Form of the English School at Chengannur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of girl students studying in the V and VI forms of the Boys school at Chengannur?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I claim notice Sir.

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

If the honourable member had given all these questions in advance the Director of Public Instruction could have answered them now on the floor of the House. In the case of certain questions, obviously, supplementary questions may arise which must be answered by the Official Member as far as possible. In other cases, these supplementary questions if given in advance, say a few hours before the meeting, to the officer in charge, he will probably give the answers and this constant reiteration or questions can be avoided.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, a word of personal explanation.

PRESIDENT: No word of personal explanation. You are not an exclusive culprit.

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